

1.5 The Realities of Religion Past and Present



Overall Expectations

SSV.04- demonstrate an understanding of religious pluralism in Canada

HEV.04- speculate on the present and future roles of religion



Religion and Culture

Ethnicity

- It is common for people to confuse religion with ethnicity
- Religion is concerned with beliefs, rituals and practices.....ethnicity is concerned with a person's origins, race or culture

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For example



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- TV and radio stations play Christmas music that is both sacred and secular
- What is the difference



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- Something very important seems to be lost in the excitement of the gift giving, e-cards, donating to charity



Religion and Culture

- Christmas is a powerful example of a celebration with deep roots that over time adopted a vast array of symbols, practices, traditions and ideas having little to do with Christianity
- EX: The exact date of Christ's birth is actually unknown, not on the 25th of December

Religion Today

- Canadians are free to follow and celebrate any religious tradition they choose
- Some may be **atheist** and believe that there is no God
- This freedom of religion is specifically entrenched into the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

→ Freedom of conscience and religion

EQUALITY RIGHTS

→ The right to equal protection with out discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex, age or mental & physical disability

Even found in our National Anthem

“God keep our land, glorious and free”



The Relationship between Religion and Politics

- Religion and politics are two things people warn against talking to strangers about
- Yet, today we see many times where Religion and Politics come into the same battles

ACTIVITY:

















